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MONTANA State Library

Conrad Public Library

BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in under-served areas of the country;
2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

Objectives
1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
2) cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
3) improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
5) provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

Successes

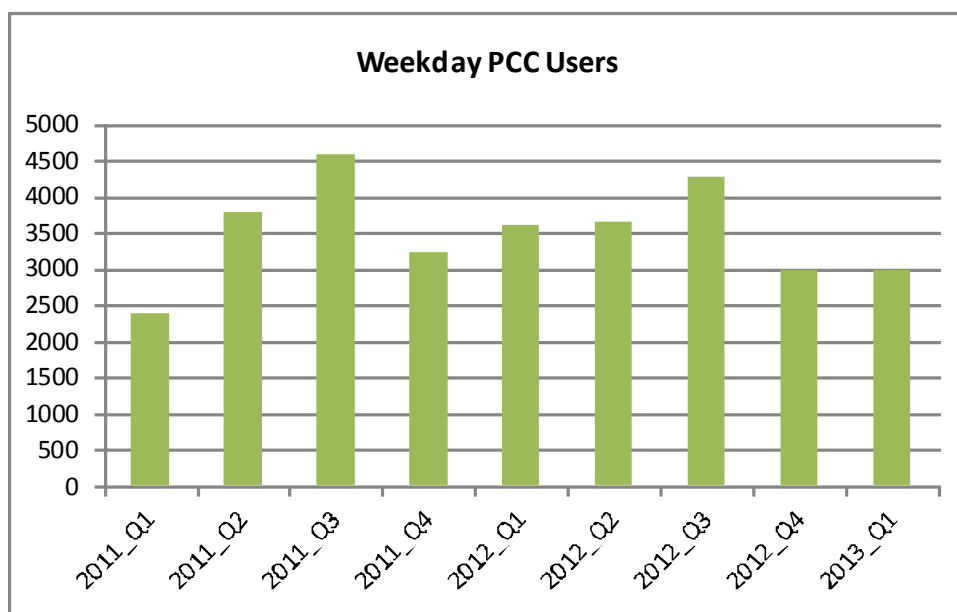| Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
3 Rivers	1.00	16.00

Conrad Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

- 7 desktop computers
- 2 laptop computers
- ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ZoomText Camera with stand
- 1 low dexterity mouse
- 1 low vision keyboard
- 4 privacy screens
- 5 headphone sets
- 2 LaserJet printer
- iPad
- Kindle Keyboard

- Kindle Fire
- Nook Tablet
- Samsung Galaxy Tab
- Google Nexus
- Coby Snapp digital video camera

> We talk about our Grant all the time to people. They are very interested in our computers.

> On June 4th, the director talked about BTOP at the City Council meeting, telling them about low vision equipment, etc.

> As a staff, we are still helping patrons with Mt Lib 2 Go.

> We gave away every thumb drive and could have used more.

Public Computer Center Usage

Weekday PCC Users

Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
13.88	228	3